

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A thiol-functional polyurethane resin can be the reaction product of a di-, tri- or tetrafunctional thiol compound with an isocyanate-terminated polyurethane and preferably is the reaction product of a diisocyanate compound and (a) diol-functional compound(s). Suitable thiol-functional polyurethane resins are obtainable by first preparing an isocyanate-functional polyurethane from diols, diisocyanates, and optionally building blocks containing groups which facilitate the stabilization of the resin in an aqueous dispersion, followed by reaction of the isocyanate-functional polyurethane with a polyfunctional thiol in a base-catalyzed addition reaction. Other thiol-functional polyurethane resins are known and described, e.g., in German patent publication ~~DE A 26 42 071~~ DE A 26 42 073 and European patent application EP-A-0 794 204.